



Maryland Attorney General's **COVID-19 Access to Justice Task Force**

MINUTES

Housing Security Renter's Issues Subcommittee

August 26, 2020

- Judiciary Safety Concerns/Measures in Courthouses
 - Letter being written by Legal Aid
 - Considering our own proposal
- Public Engagement
 - Town Hall moved to next week- Aug. 31 (english) & Spanish version TBD
 - Focused on renter's issues
 - Know your rights information being provided by mdcourts websites and legal services organizations
 - One pager:
 - Our focus:
 1. Motivating people to go to court
 2. Help renter's understand that they have a defense (related to COVID) for failure to pay rent
 3. Additionally, free legal services are out there
 4. Ability to request a remote hearing
 - Visual > textual
 - Making a micro-site for this information
 - Other Ideas
 - Targeted social media advertising
 - Text message campaign
 - Distribution ideas
 - Print
 1. Flyers at food giveaways
 2. Using member's networks for distribution
 - Minimizes costs
 3. English one side/spanish other side
 - Process

- Phase 1: immediately getting this information online
 1. Microsite
 2. Flyers through various organizations
- Phase 2: SMS campaign; social media visuals
- Upcoming meeting: 09/09/2020 10:00AM